

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

CASE NO. 24-24089-CIV-ALTONAGA

ELIZABETH SANTIAGO-DURAN,

Plaintiff,

v.

**VANGUARD PARKING SOLUTIONS
INC.,**

Defendant.

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ORDER


THIS CAUSE came before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Extension of Deadline to Amend Complaint to Add Property Owner as a Defendant [ECF No. 39]. Defendant, Vanguard Parking Solutions Inc., filed a Response in Opposition . . . [ECF No. 42] to Plaintiff being permitted to add the property owner of the parking garage at issue in this suit as a co-defendant. Plaintiff asks that she be permitted to continue researching to try to find the identity of the garage owner and be allowed add the garage owner as a defendant up to an including January 31, 2025. (*See* Mot. 6). As the Motion was timely filed in accord with the November 27, 2024 Order ("Scheduling Order") [ECF No. 24] deadline to file motions to add parties, and "leave to amend is to be freely given, absent substantial reason to deny the motion," *Geary v. City of Snellville*, 205 F. App'x 761, 763 (11th Cir. 2006), it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Motion is **GRANTED in part**. To allow Plaintiff to add a new defendant well after the January 6, 2025 deadline to file motions to add parties will adversely affect the Scheduling Order's other deadlines. Consequently, Plaintiff only

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has until **January 17, 2025** to add the garage owner and until **January 22, 2025** to serve the garage owner with process and file proof of service. These deadlines will not be extended.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 9th day of January, 2025.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

cc: counsel of record